

FISHERIES BUREAU TEMPORARY JOB DESCRIPTIONS

FISHERIES RESEARCH

- **BELLEVUE RESEARCH STATION**, Jackson County; **Biologist Mike Steuck**, Bellevue Fisheries Station, 24143 Highway 52, Bellevue, IA 52031; 563-872-4976
Conduct a recreational creel survey on pools 11 (Guttenberg) and 13 (Bellevue) of the Mississippi River. Compile and enter these data into a comprehensive database. Aid in the development of weekly fishing reports. Help research and management crews with sampling as needed.
- **CHARITON RESEARCH STATION**, Lucas County; **Biologist Randy Schultz**, Chariton Research Station, Red Haw RR 1 B-209, Chariton, IA 50049; 641-774-2958
Assist research crews in sampling reservoirs.
- **COLD SPRINGS RESEARCH UNIT**, Cass County; **Biologist Darcy Cashatt**, SW Regional Office, 57744 Lewis Road, Lewis, IA 51544-5103; 712-769-2587
Conduct a recreational creel survey on a constructed public lake, proof and enter these data into a comprehensive database. Under close supervision of the biologist or technician, assist the research crew with the following: 1) Fish and aquatic plant sampling in constructed lakes, 2) Prepare fish scales and spines for aging and age these structures, 3) Collection and propagation of aquatic plants for introduction into public waters, 4) Introduction of aquatic plants and evaluation of past introductions, 5) Application of herbicide for control of aquatic plants, 6) Maintenance and minor repair of boats, trailers, nets, and spraying equipment, 7) Entering fish, creel survey, aquatic plant, plant introduction and plant evaluation data into comprehensive databases, 8) Give presentations to small groups on fish and fishing. Help management crews with sampling and other tasks as needed.
- **MANCHESTER RESEARCH UNIT**, Delaware County; **Biologist Greg Gelwicks**, NE Regional Office Manchester, 22693 205th Avenue, Manchester, IA 52057; 563-927-3276
Assist research crews with field sampling of fish and habitat, and radio-tracking of fish. Identify and age fish. Compile and enter data. Maintain and fabricate equipment. Aid in data summarization and production of figures and tables for reports. Assist management and culture with sampling as needed.
- **SPIRIT LAKE RESEARCH UNIT**, Dickinson County; **Biologist vacant**; NW Regional Office, 122 252nd Avenue, Spirit Lake, IA 51360; 712-336-1840
Conduct a recreational creel survey on East and West Okoboji Lakes, in Dickinson County, Iowa. Compile and enter these data into a comprehensive database. Aid in the development of weekly fishing reports. Help research, culture, and management crews with sampling as needed.

FISH CULTURE

- **BIG SPRING HATCHERY**, Clayton County; **Biologist Gary Siegwarth**; Big Spring Hatchery, 16212 Big Spring Road, Elkader, IA 52043-8112; 563-245-2446
Assist with hatchery production of catchable rainbow and brook trout, stocking and maintaining 17 streams and 2 lakes in northeast Iowa, and four seasonal trout lakes for the urban stocking program. Duties include cleaning raceways, feeding fish, enumerating mortality, property maintenance, equipment maintenance, and habitat improvement projects.
- **DECORAH FISH HATCHERY**, Winneshiek County; **Biologist Brian Malaise**; Decorah Fish Hatchery, 2321 Siewers Spring Road, Decorah, IA 52101; 563-382-8324
Assist with hatchery production of Shasta Rainbow trout and St. Croix Brook trout, stocking and maintaining 16 put-and-take streams and 2 seasonal urban lakes. Duties include cleaning raceways, feeding fish, enumerating mortality, property maintenance, and equipment maintenance.
- **FAIRPORT FISH HATCHERY**, Muscatine County; **Biologist Ken Snyder**; Fairport Fish Hatchery, 3390 Highway 22, Muscatine, IA 52761; 563-263-5062
Assist hatchery personnel in the extensive culture of largemouth bass, walleye, bluegill, and white amur. Duties include fish harvest and stocking, equipment and facility maintenance, and assisting in the administration of the farm pond stocking program.

- **RATHBUN FISH HATCHERY**, Appanoose County; **Biologists Dave Walljasper and Chris Clouse**; Rathbun Fish Hatchery, 15053 Hatchery Place, Moravia, IA 52571; 641-647-2406
Assist with fish culture activities for channel catfish and walleye in lined ponds, raceways, and concrete circulating ponds. Duties include feeding fish, cleaning tanks and raceways, data collection, and data entry.
- **RATHBUN CULTURE RESEARCH UNIT**, Appanoose County, **Biologists Alan Johnson and Jay Rudacille**; Rathbun Fish Culture Unit, 15053 Hatchery Place, Moravia, IA 52571; 641-647-2658
Assist with fish culture research experiments. Duties include feeding fish, cleaning tanks and raceways, data collection, and data entry.
- **SPIRIT LAKE FISH HATCHERY**, Dickinson County, **Biologist Donna Muhm**; Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery, 122 252nd Avenue, Spirit Lake, IA 51360; 712-336-1840
Assist with the spawning and rearing of northern pike, walleye, and muskellunge. Duties include gillnetting broodstock from natural lakes, care of eggs and newly hatched fry, feed-training juvenile fish, cleaning tanks and feeding fish, data collection, fish harvest and stocking, equipment and grounds maintenance, data collection and data entry.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

- **BELLEVUE LTRM STATION**, Jackson County; **Biologist Dave Bierman**, Bellevue LTRM Station, 206 Rose Street, Bellevue, IA 52031; 563-872-5495
Assist the Natural Resource Technicians with fisheries, water quality, and vegetation sampling on Pool 13 of the Mississippi River, including the safe operation of boats, trucks, water quality sampling equipment, and other miscellaneous equipment. Fisheries sampling includes setting, pulling, and repairing fyke, mini-fyke, and hoop nets, electrofishing, trawling, and identifying, measuring, and weighing fish. Vegetation sampling includes identification of local wild plant species of aquatic and terrestrial vegetation to the species level. Other duties include: performing regular equipment maintenance and calibration, the preparation of water quality sample bottles and filtration equipment, and performing building and grounds maintenance tasks. Must be able to work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions.
- **BELLEVUE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT**, Jackson County; **Biologist: Kirk Hansen**, Bellevue Fisheries Station, 24143 Highway 52, Bellevue, IA 52031; 563-872-4976
Assist with day-to-day fish management activities on the Mississippi River including fish sampling, fish habitat development, fishing clinics, and maintenance of equipment and office grounds. Limited opportunities will also be available to work with Fisheries Research and Long Term Resource Monitoring crews to broaden experience.
- **BLACK HAWK MANAGEMENT UNIT**, Sac County; **Biologist Lannie Miller**, Black Hawk Regional Office, Box 619 116 South State Road, Lake View, IA 51450; 641-657-2638
Assist the management team with day-to-day management activities such as fish sampling and equipment maintenance; special projects such as vegetation sampling, stream sampling, fish kill investigations and public relations. Quarters are provided.
- **BOONE ANS UNIT**, Boone County; **Biologist Kim Bogenschutz**, Boone Research Station, 1436 255th Street, Boone, IA 50036; 515-432-2638
VEGETATION SURVEY CREW: *Assist with summer field work in the area of aquatic nuisance species management. The main duty of these positions is to conduct aquatic vegetation surveys in lakes across the state of Iowa. Vegetation surveys include collection and identification of aquatic plant species to the species level. Additional duties include zebra mussel sampling, watercraft inspections, maintaining boat, motor, and sampling equipment in working order, and entering survey data. Limited opportunities will also be available to assist fisheries biologists in management and research projects. Extensive travel across the state of Iowa, overnight stays, and some weekend work are required. Applicants must be able to work independently or with a team without close supervision.*
MANAGEMENT UNIT ANS CREW: *Assist with summer field work in the area of aquatic nuisance species management. The main duties of these positions are to conduct watercraft inspections and assist with aquatic vegetation surveys within a multiple-county fisheries management district. Additional duties include sampling zebra mussel, assisting with aquatic nuisance species control projects, posting signs at boat accesses, and maintaining boat, motor, and sampling equipment in working order. Limited opportunities will also be available to assist fisheries biologists in management projects. Travel within the fisheries management district,*

weekend work, and some overnight stays are required. Good communication skills are required. Applicant must be able to work independently or with a team without close supervision.

- **BOONE MANAGEMENT UNIT**, Boone County; **Biologist Ben Dodd**, Boone Research Station, 1436 255th Street, Boone, IA 50036; 515-432-2823
Applicant should be a motivated individual who is interested in a career in Fisheries. The Fisheries Aide would assist the biologist and Tech II in sampling habitat, water quality, vegetation, and fisheries in central Iowa. Fisheries experience will range from hoop nets, fyke nets, boat and backpack electrofishing, gill netting and possibly some creel surveying. Sampling will occur in a variety of systems, ranging from streams to large reservoirs, and many of the water bodies are also in urban locations. The aide will be responsible for data entry, writing the fishing report each week, and assisting with fishing clinics. The aide will also gain public relation and general maintenance skills.
- **CLEAR LAKE MANAGEMENT UNIT**, Cerro Gordo County; **Biologist Scott Grummer**, Clear Lake Fish and Wildlife Station, 1203 North Shore Drive, Clear Lake, IA 50428; 641-357-3517
Assist the Natural Resource Biologist, Technician, and Long Term Seasonal with the recreational creel survey on Clear Lake, sampling, grounds and building maintenance, and aquatic education programs. Individual must be a self starter and be able to work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions. Night and weekend work will be required.
- **COLD SPRINGS MANAGEMENT UNIT**, Cass County; **Biologist Bryan Hayes**, SW Regional Office, 57744 Lewis Road, Lewis, IA 51544-5103; 712-769-2587
Assist with day-to-day fish management activities in the ten county area including fish sampling, fish habitat development, fishing clinic, and maintenance of equipment and office grounds. The employee will also work independently two days a week collecting creel information from anglers. Limited opportunities may also be available to assist with Fisheries Research, Management, or Hatchery staff at other area facilities.
- **DECORAH MANAGEMENT UNIT**, Winneshiek County; **Biologist Bill Kalishek**, Decorah State Fish Hatchery, 2321 Siewers Spring Road, Decorah, IA 52101; 563-382-8324
Assist in the fish, water quality, and vegetation sampling of coldwater streams, warmwater streams, and lakes in an eight county area. Conduct habitat improvement projects on coldwater streams and lakes. Present outdoor classrooms to organized groups of children and adults. Enter and summarize field fisheries sampling data. Conduct short term creel surveys on trout streams as needed. Maintain sampling equipment.
- **FAIRPORT MANAGEMENT UNIT**, Muscatine County; **Biologist Bernie Schonhoff**, Fairport Fish Hatchery, 3390 Highway 22, Muscatine, IA 52761; 563-263-5062
Assist the management team with day-to-day management activities such as fish sampling and equipment maintenance; special projects such as vegetation sampling, stream sampling, fish kill investigations and public relations.
- **GUTTENBERG MANAGEMENT UNIT**, Clayton County; **Biologist Scott Gritters**, Guttenberg Fisheries Station, PO Box 250, Guttenberg, IA 52052; 563-252-1156
Netting, culture, and transportation of northern pike, maintenance of public viewing aquariums and assisting with the day-to-day fish management activities including fish and mussel sampling (Mississippi River, interior rivers), fish habitat development and hatchery ground maintenance. Duties may also include data entry of commercial turtle harvest and survey data.
- **LAKE DARLING MANAGEMENT UNIT**, Washington County; **Biologist Chad Dolan**, Southeast Regional Office, 110 Lake Darling Road, Brighton, IA 52540; 319-694-2430
Assist the management team with day-to-day management activities such as fish sampling and equipment maintenance; special projects such as vegetation sampling, stream sampling, fish kill investigations and public relations.
- **LAKE MACBRIDE MANAGEMENT UNIT**, Johnson County; **Biologist Paul Sleeper**, Lake MacBride Fisheries Station, 3475 Highway 282 NE, Solon, IA 52333; 319-624-3615
Assist the management team with day-to-day management activities such as fish sampling and equipment maintenance; special projects such as vegetation sampling, stream sampling, fish kill investigations and public relations.

- **MANCHESTER MANAGEMENT UNIT**, Delaware County; **Biologist Dan Kirby**, NE Regional Office, 22693 205th Avenue, Manchester, IA 52057; 563-927-3276
Assist in the fish, water quality, and vegetation sampling of coldwater streams, warmwater streams, and lakes in an eight county area. Conduct habitat improvement projects on coldwater streams and lakes. Present outdoor classrooms to organized groups of children and adults. Enter and summarize field fisheries data. Conduct short term creel surveys on trout streams as needed. Maintain sampling equipment.
- **MISSOURI RIVER MANAGEMENT UNIT**, Monona County; **Biologist Van Sterner**, Sundquist Engineering Bldg, 607 10th Street, Onawa, IA 51040; 712-433-4706
Assist the Natural Resource Biologist and Technician in evaluating constructed habitat projects on the Missouri River. Duties include but are not limited to fisheries surveys utilizing a wide variety of sampling gears, measuring habitat variables, and routine equipment maintenance. Applicant must have the ability to work outdoors in adverse weather conditions.
- **MT. AYR MANAGEMENT UNIT**, Ringgold County; **Biologist Gary Sobotka**, Mt. Ayr Fish Hatchery, 2093 E. Loch Ayr Road, Mt. Ayr, IA 50854; 641-464-3108
Assist with day-to-day fish management activities in the eight county area including fish sampling, fish habitat development, fishing clinics, and maintenance of equipment and office grounds. The employee will also assist the management personnel with the operation of the fish rearing activities assigned to the facility. Those activities involve pond preparation, filling and maintenance of water levels, fish growth sampling, harvest, and transportation as needed. Limited opportunities may also be available to work with Fisheries Research, Management, or Hatchery staff at other area facilities.
- **RATHBUN MANAGEMENT UNIT**, Appanoose County; **Biologist Mark Flammang**, Rathbun Hatchery, 15053 Hatchery Place, Moravia, IA 52571; 641-647-2406
Assist the management team with day-to-day management activities such as fish sampling and equipment maintenance; special projects such as vegetation sampling, stream sampling, fish kill investigations and public relations. This position will also creel Lake Rathbun and assist in early spring hatchery and sampling activities.
- **SPIRIT LAKE MANAGEMENT UNIT**, Dickinson County; **Biologist Mike Hawkins**, NW Regional Office, 122 252nd Avenue, Spirit Lake, IA 51360; 712-336-1840
Assist the management team with day-to-day management activities such as fish sampling and equipment maintenance; special projects such as vegetation sampling, stream sampling, fish kill investigations and public relations.
- **STORM LAKE CREEL**, Buena Vista County; **Biologist Lannie Miller**, Black Hawk Regional Office, Box 619 116 South State Road, Lake View, IA 51450; 712-657-2638
Conduct the six month quantitative creel survey at Storm Lake. This is a boat creel so employee should be knowledgeable about use of a boat in all kinds of weather conditions. Employee will work most weekends during the term of employment. When not creeling, employee will assist the Lake View fish management team in general fisheries management such as fish surveys, vegetation sampling, water quality monitoring, data entry, and public relations. Quarters are provided.